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Letter to the editor

Government discourages savers

Dear Editor:

Recently, the U.S. Treasury Department asked Congress to pass a law requiring all banks and savings and loan associations to withhold 15 percent of interest earned on savings accounts and send this to the government before the saver ever sees it.

At the April meeting of the Appomattox Advisory Board of American Federal Savings & Loan Association, the following resolution was adopted in response to this proposal:

Whereas, savings accounts still remain the backbone of middle income Americans; and

Whereas, there already exists a bias in the tax code against savers; and

Whereas, savers are vital to the future strength of America; and

Whereas, an amendment to the tax laws requiring the withholding of 15 percent from dividends paid on savings accounts by thrifts would place an additional tax burden on the saver; and

Whereas, an amendment to the tax laws requiring the withholding of 15 percent from dividends paid on savings accounts by thrifts would greatly decrease the desirability of savings accounts to savers; and

Whereas, the increase in administrative costs to thrifts associated with the implementation of the proposed legislation requiring the withholding of 15 percent from dividends paid on savings accounts by thrifts would greatly test the already margimal profits of thrifts; and

Whereas, every effort must be made to protect the future of the housing industry whose funding strengths lie primarily with thrifts, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Appomattox Advisory Board of American Federal Savings and Loan Association urges the proposed legislation promulgating the withholding of 15 percent from dividends paid to savers by thrifts be dismissed permanently.

With this and so many other proposed legislative acts before Congress at this time, all of which can and will drastically affect every saver of our country, I would like to encourage every citizen of Appomattox County to let their voices be heard by writing letters to their representatives in the House and Senate. Our representatives are elected by the people and for the people, so please take a stand now.

Sincerely,
Michael C. Weiss,
Assistant Vice-President
American Federal Savings and Loan Association

Express gratitude

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by the 'Little Miss May Day' Pageant committee.

We, the Little Miss May Day Pageant Committee would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the businesses and individuals who helped in making our pageant a big success.

Vickie, Nancy, Ruby, Pat and Cheryl.

Land of freedom

By JAMES M. BECKER

America is a land of freedom and opportunity, a nation filled with people who claim they are Christians, and yet some of the New Testament expectations of humanity are not fully achieved.

When people flee a government in Cuba which they believe oppressive, why is America reluctant to receive them? Are Americans really become so selfish that we want to keep freedom only for myself? My grandfather, Philip, fled Germany under similar circumstances. If he had not been admitted, ninety years ago, I would probably not have been born.

The pastor speaks

And why is race still a problem in this country? Somebody not long ago told me it was bad manners for white people to make jokes about black people. Not so. It is sin. I am not proud of the fact that one of my great-grandfathers owned slaves. It was wrong. I am troubled when I learn about the difficulty black people sometimes have getting jobs, housing, education.

But America is also a nation where people have learned and hopefully will continue to learn a better way of life. Not just that we have more material things. It may be that we will lose our material superiority, and I am not persuaded that is so terrible. The energy problem may cost us money and comfort, but perhaps we can learn again to be a moral people, a selfless people, dedicated to trying to provide opportunity and hope and freedom for all.

Sanctuary ceremony planned

A ground-breaking ceremony will be held for the new sanctuary and fellowship hall at Reedy Spring Baptist Church this Sunday (June 1) at 2 p.m.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:15.

The fellowship singers, Jim Meador and family will present music after the ground-breaking ceremony.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

From the Old Testament

Story of Hezikiah one of reform

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

The good King Hezekiah
Lesson for June 1, 1980.
Scripture references: II Kings 18-20; II Chronicles 29-32. Focal passages: II Chron. 29:3-6, 10; 30:23-27.
A new focus of study

For the last eight months we have taken a tour of the New Testament. The International Sunday School calendar calls for a return to a study of the Old. For the next three months we will look at Judah's later history and the fall of Samaria, including the Babylonian exile and the subsequent restoration of the people to their homeland.

The Bible and daily living

Keep in mind as you study that the kingdom ruled over by David and Solomon was divided into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Such a division brought about a serious decline in religious worship and the people slipped into idolatry. The story of Hezekiah is one of reform and healing.

Return to worship [II Chron. 29]

Hezekiah was the son of Ahaz whose religious and political record wasn't anything to write home about. He closed the Temple and forced the people to worship elsewhere. The Temple itself underwent a radical destruction and abuse.

Hezekiah was a king with a heart in the right place. He was sensitive to the people's needs for worship. We note that he was able to discern the consequences of a nation and people who turn their backs to God. The king's move to restore the Temple worship included a celebration service of personal sacrifice and thanksgiving. Altogether the people joined in singing "the song to the Lord."

Return of the Passover [II Chron. 30]

Hezekiah was not only concerned to cleanse the Temple, but he was also concerned with cleaning up the city. Along with the cleansing of the Temple and the city, Hezekiah opened the Temple for many others that they might have and enjoy the opportunity for worship. To commemorate the restoration of Temple worship, Hezekiah resumed the celebration of the Passover. The Passover Feast was instituted much earlier to celebrate the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

It was really a coming-home party for the people of both Israel and Judah. The people came from both kingdoms to participate in the Passover festival. It had been a long time since they had celebrated the Passover due to the harsh reign of King Ahaz. There is a practical lesson in this for the church. There are people in institutions who miss the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We can take it to their homes or bedsides.

Restoration to true worship [II Chron. 31]

One of Hezekiah's reforms included the destruction and removal of the pagan altars which his father before him had erected throughout the city. The people joined together in destroying the idols and pagan altars throughout the countryside. They were soon to be rebuilt by the king who would succeed Hezekiah, but credit is due to Hezekiah for his efforts. He is certainly to be remembered as one of the "good kings" who sought to follow the Lord of Israel.

Trouble with Assyria [II Chron. 32]

Things did not always go too well for Hezekiah's reign. He and his nation were always hampered by the foe from the north. Much of that trouble Hezekiah inherited from his father's sorry dealings with Assyria. When Hezekiah came to the throne he sought to get out from under the Assyrian domination. He began to put the squeeze on the Assyrian nation, forcing them to a showdown. The Assyrians suffered under the godly reign of Hezekiah. He was truly a man of faith and prayer. When things got in a pinch he always turned to his Lord.

Hezekiah was one of those rare persons who did the best with what he had to work with. He inherited a mess from his father. It doesn't take a super human to accomplish great things for the Lord. To use what gifts we have can bring joy to us and honor to God.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin.

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ACHS junior wins award

Richard A. Jones, an Appomattox County High School junior, has been named area winner of the Future Farmers of America Foundation award for poultry production. Richard, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Jones, RFD 1, Spout Spring.

For the past three years, Richard has cared for a laying flock as a part of his occupational experience program in agricultural education.

His record will be considered along with five other area winners for the state award. Presentation of the state award will be a program feature of the 1980 State FFA Convention at Blacksburg June 17-20.

School menus

Pamplin menu

Monday, June 2
Turkey roll w/gravy, potato tots, green beans, roll, butter, and chilled milk.

Tuesday, June 3 - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuits, fruit and chilled milk.

Wednesday, June 4 - Cheeseburger, French fries, sliced tomatoes, fruit bananas, buns and chilled milk.

Thursday, June 5 - Pizza, buttered corn, fruit, potato chips and chilled milk.

Friday, June 6 - SCHOOL PICNIC - Footlong hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, ice cream and chilled milk.

APS menu

Mon., June 2-corn dog, slaw, potato puffs, cake, milk.

Tues., June 2-Bologna sandwich, corn, cheese square, string beans, milk.

Wed., June 3-Chicken salad, green peas, apple sauce, fruit, milk, roll, butter

Thurs., June 4-Hamburger, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, June 5-Cafeteria special

Troop 311 visits Sacajawea

Cadette Troop 311 visited Camp Sacajawea over Memorial Day weekend. While at Camp the girls made new friends with Buckingham's Senior and Cadette Troops.

Troop members extended thanks to Cindy Alderson and Mary Bartelt for being leaders on the trip.

Cemetary clean-up slated

The Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church of Spout Spring announces that a cemetary clean-up will be conducted Saturday, May 31.

The church board requests that any flowers to be kept, with the exception of one potted plant or wreath, be removed.

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